



# DAVID ALCOCK

Head of Social Business, Anthony Collins Solicitors

## PROFILE

David works in the governance and commercial team in Birmingham at Anthony Collins and leads their legal work with social businesses, including co-operatives, community organisations (including leading on the relationship with umbrella body Locality) and social enterprises. David also heads up their work developing stewardship solutions in the context of new developments.

David led a major project for Chelmsford City Council during 2022 and early 2023, developing a stewardship assessment for the proposed North East Chelmsford Garden Community. He led a similar project for Peabody in 2021, reviewing stewardship options going forward for Thamesmead where Peabody is the major landowner. He also led on their support for Ashford Borough Council throughout the process of establishing Chilmington Management Organisation, in the context of a 4500 home development.

He specialises in community asset transfer and community led housing, where he has led their work with the National Community Land Trust network and is an acknowledged national expert. He delivers high level governance support to a range of organisations, including housing associations in relation to board member conduct and removal and tenant engagement (including mutual models).

David's work began with governance for community regeneration projects and has since developed into supporting all kinds of organisations using enterprise to achieve a social purpose. He writes constitutions and advises on corporate design, as well as advising on contracts, grant funding and social investment. He has extensive experience in establishing community ownership and promoting the co-operative principles through legal structures.

- Working with a local authority where a lead developer has failed to comply with Section 106 obligations to create an appropriate stewardship organisation.
- Advice to developers in relation to a vehicle for the ownership and management of a Country Park.
- Leading on the legal and governance work in the context of the proposed stewardship model for Gilston, near Harlow, for Places for People.
- Supporting Ebbsfleet Development Corporation on the establishment of Ebbsfleet Garden City Trust.
- Providing strategic support to Chief Executives and boards, advising on various board issues including disputes. He has been a board member of the Development Trust Association (now Locality) and a CDFI, and is now a trustee of the Meanwhile Foundation, a national charity promoting meanwhile use, and interfaith charity The Feast.

## CORE SKILLS

- Community Asset Transfer
- Corporate Design
- Social Investment
- Stewardship Strategy
- Governance
- Charity Law
- Strategic Support

## DETAILS

### Location:

Birmingham (with national remit)

### Qualifications:

Post Graduate - Legal Practice Course

Post Graduate Diploma in Law